

INSURANCE WILL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE SITUATION REGARDING RATES IN EL PASO.

CLASSIFICATION HAS BEEN UNFAIR

Many Restrictions Should
Not Apply to Conditions
as They Exist Here.

Six special agents of the insurance companies doing business in Texas, accompanied by H. L. Wright, a member of the fire rating board, are in El Paso to hear the complaints of the citizens against the new fire insurance rates and to make inspections of the mercantile risks carried by their companies. The special agents will not have a public hearing while here but they will listen to all complaints which are made by policy holders in their respective companies when made through the local agents and will endeavor to get a correct line on the insurance situation in El Paso.

H. L. Wright, the member of the state rating board, will make a thorough investigation of the situation here and will study the field with a view of presenting it to the rating board as it really exists. The special agents and Mr. Wright will remain here several days in order to become thoroughly familiar with the situation. Those who compose the party are: P. P. Tucker, representing the Aetna Insurance company; M. G. Jarreau, of the Citizens' Insurance company, of St. Louis; C. C. Wright, of the Royal Insurance company; J. K. Griswold, of the Liverpool and London company; A. R. Phillips, of the Insurance Company of North America; and A. Zintgraf, all are from Dallas.

Inadequate Inspection.
A number of matters will be brought to the attention of the fire insurance men while they are in El Paso. One of the principal faults found with the new rating is in the inadequate and incompetent inspection which was made last fall by the men working for the actuary and upon which the new rates were based.

One insurance agent stated Thursday that of the risks which he had inspected since the new rates went into effect he had found approximately two-thirds of them wrong and he characterized the whole inspection as bad. Exposures were incorrect and in many cases, exposures were charged where no real exposure existed. In other cases the exposures were beyond the distance called for under the key rate and there are evidences that both the inspection of the El Paso risks and the compilation of the rates were done hurriedly and carelessly.

Dwelling Rates High.
The exposure charges for dwellings will also be taken up by the local agents with the insurance company representatives. The rate in effect at present takes two exposures for a dwelling house. In the words of the insurance men, a risk takes an exposure through an exposure. The reason given for this is the shingle roof construction, but the policy holders claim that the brick construction of the city effects this and that the second exposure should not be counted, but only one, as is done in the business district providing the intervening wall is of brick.

The Tenant Charge.
The tenant charge of 15 cents for shingle roofs on dwellings will also be brought to the attention of the insurance men while they are here. The tenant charge is for a rented house, the fact (Continued on Page 812.)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED
ON STATEHOOD BILL.
Washington, D. C., May 19.—Following a white house conference, once favoring statehood, there is now talk of a caucus in the senate on the statehood bill.
Andrews' bill to create the Fort Sumner land office, having passed the house, was referred to the committee on public lands.

OIL TRUST INCREASES WAGES

New York, May 19.—An increase in the wages of employees of the Standard Oil company, dating from May 1, will add from six to 10 million dollars to the company's annual payroll expense.
The increases range from six to 10 percent and apply to all subsidiary companies of the Standard.
Officials say the higher cost of living made this voluntary advance necessary.

DISREGARD OF LAW INSPECTORS OF MINES CROOKED CAUSES 265 DEATHS

Princeton, Ill., May 19.—That the mining laws were broken with the knowledge and consent of mine inspectors, is the verdict of the coroner's jury which began last November to investigate the cause of the Cherry mine disaster, which resulted in the death of 265 miners in the St. Paul Coal company's mine.

TALLY IS OUT FOR MIKE'S JOB

Announces for District Clerk
Harper May Run For
Mayor Next Spring.

IS TERRY OUT FOR ATTORNEYSHIP?

The political waters were stirred a bit Wednesday afternoon with the announcement of an opposition candidate for the office of district clerk against Ike Alderete. There was some stir, because some of the men who have stood closest to Ike and to whom Ike has delivered Mexican votes in the past, have come to the conclusion that Ike is not nearly so strong as he has been, in fact that he is in danger. This weakness was demonstrated in the recent school election, when he fell down in attempting to deliver votes for "the ring" ticket.

The new candidate is O. M. Talley. He announced today for the office of district clerk, subject to the Democratic primaries. Talley has lived in El Paso for more than 20 years and was for a time in the saloon business. He owns quite a lot of El Paso property and is also actively engaged in ranching and shipping cattle.

James R. Harper, candidate for mayor, announced today for the office of municipal ownership ticket next spring for it is known that Harper will be a candidate if the bond election fails to carry at the election on June 21, for as sure as it does fall to carry, there will be a municipal ownership ticket in the field and Harper will undoubtedly head it, for Harper is strong for municipal ownership and his friends know that he will run for the mayoralty if necessary in order to pull the ticket through.

Is Randolph Terry a candidate for county attorney or is he not? To one man he says yes, to another he says no. Whether he is undecided or not remains to be seen, but Terry told one Herald reporter positively that he was and immediately thereafter told another man that he was just trying to have a little fun for a few days and was not a candidate.

Who Knows?
Politics is the talk of the town at this period and someone who is perhaps a joker, perhaps one who really and truly knows what is going on within the ranks of the county ring, has circulated the report that A. S. J. Eyrar will be nominated for district judge, Volney Brown for county judge and W. W. Bridges for district attorney.

CHARGE AGAINST POWERS DISMISSED

Witness in Bell-Casey Case
Is Promptly Released
by Court.

W. J. Powers, a witness in the Bell-Casey case, on trial in the 34th district court, arrested Wednesday charged with perjury in connection with his evidence in the case has been dismissed. When arraigned before Justice E. H. McClintock Wednesday night the case was dismissed without hearing any evidence.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL FOR HYDE COMES UP FRIDAY.

Kansas City, Mo., May 19.—It was determined this morning that the motion in arrest of judgment and for a new trial will not be filed until Friday by attorneys for Dr. B. C. Hyde, convicted of killing Col. Swope and given a life term in the penitentiary.

It probably will be several days after word before Judge Lathaw decides.

TEXANS AFTER LOUISIANA TRADE.

Cravens, La., May 19.—The Beaumont trades excursion special train arrived here this morning with 75 merchants aboard. They will visit 30 Louisiana towns.

CARRIE NATION IN TEXAS.

Childress, Tex., May 19.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, of Kansas, passed through here this morning on her way to Fort Worth. Mrs. Nation declined to make any statement for publication.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Waco, Tex., May 19.—Howard Harris, a negro, aged 9 years, is dead as a result of a train severing his leg and arm here yesterday.

THE COMET PASS US? SCIENTISTS DOUBTFUL NOW

FIFTY KILLED BY CARELESS WORKMAN

No Startling Phenomena Are
Noted—Beautifully Clear
Night in El Paso.

TAIL EXTENDED BEYOND WORLD

The earth is in business as usual and the comet has gone. According to the program, we passed through the tail of the comet last night. The night was beautifully clear and not a single manifestation was noticed that might have been attributed to its comets. Now the scientists say it didn't hit us. Hereafter it will become an evening visitor and instead of keeping the good citizens up all night, the celestial wanderer is expected to be visible in the western sky the latter part of the week.

In all ages the passage of the earth through the orbit of the comet has aroused feverish and fantastic speculation as to what might be expected to happen. The uninformed and imaginative have anticipated everything from a blazing world to the asphyxiation of humanity, but there has always been disappointment.

Lakes and rivers did not boil or their fish cook; asphalt pavements did not liquify and run into the sewers; the hair didn't sizzle and burn off our heads or the houses burn and neither were sun, moon nor stars obscured.

These were all possibilities which have presented themselves to the lay mind. The earth passed through the tail of the comet during the 17th century, when it was 3,000,000 miles closer to the fiery nucleus than it was on May 19, according to the scientists, and the old earth stayed here.

Extended Beyond Earth.
Since the tail of the comet is directed away from the sun the earth passed through the tail in case the length of the tail exceeded the distance of the comet from the earth, which was about 15,000,000 miles. As the length of the tail is at present some 20,000,000 or 25,000,000 miles, it seems likely that the passage through the tail actually took place, and the tail extended some five or more million miles beyond the earth, unless the tail suddenly curved as some scientists today suppose.

Any such estimate of distance is necessarily very uncertain, however, as in general the tail of the comet decreases with increasing distance from the sun and is, moreover, subject to irregular changes in size, which cannot be predicted. The diameter of the spectacle and the length of the tail were roughly, 2,000,000 miles. Assuming that this diameter was correct, some 10 or 12 hours were required for the earth to pass through the tail.

Can Be Seen Tonight.
Unless an unexpected decrease in the comet's own light should take place, should be easily visible last night, as in the western sky immediately after sunset on May 20. After the transit the comet will move rapidly toward the east with respect to the sun, so that the days of May it will be in a favorable position for observation, though its brightness will probably rapidly decrease.

By Friday, anyhow, the comet will be a mere speck in the sky, as from us with the tail sticking straight out of the western sky a little above the spot where the sun sinks. There will then be no light from the rising comet, but the glory of the spectacle and it is likely to be far more majestic than in the stages of the approach. At the end of a month it will have disappeared for another 75 years.

No Phenomena Noted.
According to the computations of Dr. George E. Hale and his assistants at Carnegie observatory, Pasadena, Cal., Halley's comet passed on beyond the sun at 12:30 o'clock last night, and at the same time the earth was in the midst of the wanderer's tenuous tail. But not one of the delicate instruments set to detect expected phenomena showed the slightest variation.
Dr. Hale mounted an electrometer to detect any changes in the magnetism of the earth and a variometer, which would show any variation in the magnetic pole. A tower also was erected on the peak of Mount Wilson, bearing metal plates coated with glycerine to catch any of the dust particles with which the comet's tail is supposed to be laden, but the astronomers have found nothing so far to indicate that natural conditions have been affected by the earth's leap through the comet's tail.

Of Value to Science.
None of the other observatories of the world report any startling phenomena in connection with the passage of the comet's tail across the world, except at Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., where it is stated, spots were observed on the sun during the afternoon and the astronomers at night secured photographs and accurate records of meteoric phenomena and varying degrees of illumination under atmospheric conditions nearly perfect for work with camera and telescope.

The picture and data are considered of unusual value and may develop scientific information and theories of unexpected importance.
Professor Edward E. Barnard, one of the world's greatest authorities on comets, was much pleased with the result of his observations, which extended almost without interruption for 48 hours.

Illumination Analyzed.
A most painstaking search was made through the tail of the comet for spots where illumination might be lacking. This lack of illumination, it was indicated, may aid greatly in determining the substance of the glow that follows the comet's head.
"The passing of the comet," said professor Barnard, "will greatly enrich our knowledge of the universe."
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Drops Box of Dynamite and
Wrecks Barracks of Cuban
Rural Guards.

CITY SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION

Havana, Cuba, May 19.—Until the ruins are more thoroughly examined, it will not be known positively how many lives were lost when the barracks of the Rural Guards in the city of Pinar del Rio were demolished by an explosion of dynamite late yesterday. There is no reason to believe, however, that the fatalities did not exceed 50. The injured number more than 100.

It is almost certain that the explosion resulted from the accidental fall of a case of dynamite from the hands of an employee of the public works department, who was assisting in loading on wagons 72 cases of the explosive.
Many of the injured it is believed are still pinned under the debris. Among the bodies recovered are those of captain Alfredo Ravera of the Rural Guards, his wife and three children. Senior League, engineer of the province, is thought to be among the killed.

Nearly three tons of dynamite exploded. The buildings destroyed were massive structures. The government wireless station was shaken to pieces. The explosion caused great terror among the inhabitants, many of whom thought the disaster was caused by the approach of Halley's comet.

LIVING THE SWEET LIFE TODAY

Good Old Times of Son's
Pants From Father's
Trousers Past and Gone.

THE WORLD GOES AT A FAST CLIP

Washington, D. C., May 19.—"A few years ago boys wore out their father's old clothes made over according to a neighborhood pattern; now they have to have store clothes and socks to match their neckties and a college yell.
"A man used to be considered well off if he kept a horse and buggy; now he has to have an automobile if he has to mortgage the place to get it.
The average business man does business with a telephone at one ear, a stenographer at each elbow, a telegraph office next door, a wireless station within easy reach, an automobile at the door and before many years he will want a flying machine to avoid the crush in the street below."
Doctrine of Simple Life.
Thus spoke representative Edward L. Hamilton, of Michigan, in the house today in a tariff speech, snappy with epigram, bristling with aphorism, preaching the doctrine of the simple life as the bulwark of civilization and protection as the producer of prosperity. It pictured nine months of increasing revenues and encouragement of American industry under the Payne bill.
He drew on the legitimate spoils of trade and the policies and declarations of foreign statecraft as the justification of his position.
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Brazos Rises.

Waco, Tex., May 19.—As a result of heavy rains last night the Brazos rose 12 feet here today.

Rain in Panhandle.

Dallas, Tex., May 19.—Over an inch of rain fell here Wednesday night and generally over the Panhandle country. This makes two inches of rain within the last 10 days, which insures a wheat crop. Planting generally is finished, with the largest acreage in the history of the state.

Rain at Colorado.

Colorado, Texas, May 19.—Good rains have fallen over the county, greatly benefiting all crops.

Streams Bank Full.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 19.—All streams and creeks in this section are bank full today and many have overflowed, putting the lowlands under water. The rise is due to the heavy rains of the last few days, the heaviest downpour being experienced Wednesday night. Trinity river is higher today than in two years and it is reported that the flood stage will reach Dallas tonight. The gauge here shows 12 feet. Wires are down in several localities but the damage to property is slight. The rain fell Wednesday night west as far as Abilene, east to Greenville and south to the Gulf.

DANSE DU VENTRE
TOO MUCH FOR BISBEE.
Bisbee, Ariz., May 19.—Ramon Velasquez and Maria Soldato were arrested and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail for disturbing the peace by performing the so-called "dance du ventre" in a public street on Chihuahua hill.

Life Bud has been refused a pension through the Tell Blankley agency. He was in the "Bore war" in St. Louis. A non-combatant was hit on the head with a teneup as he was passin' th' Moons home this morning.

Astronomers Are Puzzled by
What They Saw in the Sky
in Early Morning.

MAYBE THE TAIL IS IN A CURVE

Williamsbay, Wis., May 19.—Setting at variance all scientific fluges and predictions, and unimbuing the astronomers at Yerkes's observatory here, the tail of Halley's comet was plainly visible in the east just before daybreak today. The astronomers have no explanation to proffer for the phenomenon. Professors Barnard and Frost declare that the earth has not passed through the tail of the comet as has been universally believed. Both agree that the earth has entered the tail but is utterly unable to explain the condition now prevailing, which is without a parallel in the history of astronomy.

Columbia Professor Agrees.
Later professor Mitchell, of Columbia University, united with professors Barnard and Frost in the announcement that the phenomenon might be due to one of three causes.

First, the curvature of the comet's tail, first discovered and noted by professor Barnard Tuesday night, may have developed to a wholly unexpected degree while the head of the comet was passing the earth on schedule.
Second, like Borelli's comet of 1903, Halley's comet may have ceased its tail making activity, cutting off the glowing fan that is now puzzling the scientists.

Third, it is possible that all calculations are wrong and that the comet has not yet passed the earth.

Princeton Professor Doubts.
Princeton, N. J., May 19.—At 3 o'clock this morning Dr. Henry N. Russell, professor of astronomy at Princeton, declared that, contrary to general predictions, the earth has not yet passed through the tail of Halley's comet.

San Jose, Cal., May 19.—Director Campbell, of Lick observatory, today furnished the Associated Press the following: "The earth did not pass through the tail of the comet up to daylight this morning. On the contrary, even before the moon had set, the tail was visible in the eastern sky. As predicted in my message of Wednesday evening, the tail lagged behind a straight line from the sun through the head of the comet, the earth expected point through which the earth expected to pass amounts certainly to several million miles."

"If this meeting was delayed until this afternoon or tonight there will be little doubt of the earth passing through the tail at all, but we passed on the south side of it. The reason is a simple one. The tail lags behind in the plane of the comet's orbit, the comet's orbit makes an angle of 18 degrees, and with the earth's orbital plane a refraction of the tail therefore draws away from the plane in which the earth is moving."

RIVERS OF EAST TEXAS FLOODED

Good Rain Also Falls in the
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SIX BISHOPS GIVEN MITRE AT ONCE

Largest Number Ever Con-
firmed in America at One
Time.

ARCHBISHOP AT HEAD OF SERVICE

St. Paul, Minn., May 19.—With great solemnity and splendor, for which the Roman Catholic church is noted during important events, the six new bishops recently appointed by the pope to fill vacant dioceses in the province of St. Paul, of which, archbishop Ireland is metropolitan, were consecrated today. Significant of the growth of Catholicism in the new world was this splendid ceremony. For the first time since the church came to America, six bishops were consecrated simultaneously. The new bishops received their divine commission almost precisely at the spot where father Hennepin landed on the banks of the Mississippi 230 years ago. The archbishop, his nine bishops and his 600 priests out of 900 now in St. Paul province, represent a Catholic population of 600,000. When the first bishop of St. Paul was consecrated 60 years ago there were two priests and perhaps a thousand members of the church.

The Ceremony.
The ceremony took place on the grounds and in the chapel of St. Paul's seminary on the high bluff at the western limits of St. Paul, overlooking the Mississippi river. The bishops consecrated were:

Rev. James O'Reilly, of Minneapolis, bishop of Fargo, N. D.
Rev. John J. Lawler, cathedral of St. Paul, auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of St. Paul.
Rev. Patrick R. Heffron, rector of St. Paul's seminary, bishop of Winona, Minn.

Rev. Timothy Corbett, of Duluth, bishop of Crookston, Minn.
Rev. Vincent Wehrle, of the Benedictine order and abbot of the monastery at Richardson, N. D., bishop of Bismarck, N. D.

Rev. Joseph F. Busch, head of the missionary band in the archdiocese of St. Paul, bishop of Lead, S. D.
Archbishop Ireland was the consecrator, and was assisted by bishop James McGillicuddy, of Duluth, and Rev. James Trobec, of St. Cloud, Minn. Rev. Francis Schaefer was master of ceremonies.

Great Ecclesiastical Event.
As an event of great moment in the Catholic church, it is said by ecclesiastics to have been overshadowed but once in modern times, when the pope himself consecrated 14 new French bishops, and in the United States, the only ceremony which approximated it in significance was when archbishop Ireland consecrated bishops Shanley, McGillicuddy and Cotter at the same time.

Under the direction of Rev. Father Schaefer, the procession of about 800 priests and 150 seminarians, formed on the southern side of the spacious grounds, presented a striking appearance as it wended its way underneath the great oak trees to St. Mary's chapel, where the consecration ceremonies were held.

The priests came the bishops, then the bishops elect, and last the archbishop, all in the robes of their office.

Public Excluded.

An immense gathering of the laity witnessed the ceremony, but owing to the fact that the chapel had seating capacity for only the priests, the public was not admitted to witness the consecration.

The consecration ceremony, which began at 10 a. m. and lasted about three hours, started with the reading of the apostolic commission, followed by the taking of the oath and the examination, the latter made almost in the same language prescribed by the council of Carthage. During the examination the bishops elect professed categorically their belief in the different matters of faith which have been particularly attacked by heretics, especially the doctrine of incarnation.

Solemn Mass.

These preliminaries having been duly observed, the solemn intoning of the mass was begun, the consecrator and bishop elect simultaneously bestowing their faith. During the ceremony, the main chant was intoned by the seminarians. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony proper, the new bishops were invested with the crozier and ring necessary to the Episcopal order, accompanied with prayers and admonitions.

The mass then proceeded with the consecrator and new bishop celebrating it in unison at the same altar. Then came the partaking of communion, which was followed by the investiture of the mitre and gloves previously blessed by the consecrator with much pomp. While the Te Deum was intoned the new bishop was enthroned in the episcopal seat. Later he was led between the two assistant bishops around

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BIG DAM TO BE STARTED IN FEW DAYS

Engineers Have Instructions
to Begin, and Only Await
Further Details.

RAILROAD TO BE BUILT IN FIRST

El Paso Rejoices at Good
News and Water Users
Meet to Hear Reports.

"We are only awaiting detailed instructions from the director at Washington before beginning active work on the dam," W. M. Reed, district engineer for the reclamation service, said Thursday.

"We have the tools and equipment all ready and on the ground to begin the railroad construction work and even have 100 tons of hay stored for the use of the teams. The carts and other equipment have been put in order and all that is now needed is the detailed instructions from the department and we will begin active operations on building the railroad line from the Santa Fe main line to the dam site."

"The reclamation service will construct the right of way and bridges and the railroad company will lay the ties and steel. The surveys for this line are all made and even grade stakes have been set and some grading done. We are now waiting for the word to go to it. If we get a message today instructing us to start work we could be at it by Friday."

Order Causes Rejoicing.

Telegrams confirming the reports from Washington that the secretary of the interior had ordered the depositing the \$200,000 condemnation bond necessary to obtain possession of the site for the Elephant Butte dam caused great rejoicing throughout the valley. By the first of the week, it is expected to have men at work on the railroad line which is to be built from the Santa Fe main line to the dam site at Elephant Butte.

Another week will see active operations begun at the dam proper and then things will barrel on the right and until it is completed and is supplying irrigation waters for the entire valley below.

The railroad line is to be the first link in the preliminary operations and will make possible the transportation of the millions of barrels of cement and other supplies and materials necessary to build the Elephant Butte dam, the biggest in the world.

Brings Money Here.

The renewing of operations at the damsite will mean the expenditure of thousands of dollars and the employment of thousands of men. Already the Retail Merchants' league is planning to have a train schedule arranged on the Santa Fe to allow the workmen at the dam to come to El Paso each Saturday night and return in time for work Monday morning. This will give the men an opportunity to spend their Sundays in the city and also to do their trading. It will also give the merchants a chance to get the great benefit from the trade of the thousands or more men who will be employed on the project when it is under way.

The board of governors of the Water Users' association held a meeting Thursday morning at the office of Felix Martinez to hear the report of attorney R. F. Burges, who has been in Washington with E. R. Holt, representing the Elephant Butte and the El Paso Valley Water Users' associations. Mr. Burges explained the work done in Washington and made it plain that the big project which is to benefit the El Paso valley and the southwest was assured and that nothing could now prevent its completion. He emphasized the great service which has been rendered the friends of the project by the Mexican state department through Gov. Creel and ambassador De la Barra.

Importance Realized.

The importance of the international aspect of the project is now being fully realized. The treaty with Mexico which bound the United States to complete the dam, is acknowledged to be the thing which has brought about the realization of the big enterprise. The efforts of senator Root to have the work started at once on the project in order to fulfill the treaty obligations and the pressure which was brought to bear by the Mexican state department are all given credit for the actual beginning of operations and to these men, together with the representatives of the water users' associations in congress, belong much of the credit for the order to renew work on the dam.

STATION AGENT LOSES PACKAGE OF \$30,000

Oil City, Penn., May 19.—Three packages of money containing more than \$22,000 were stolen from the Pennsylvania railroad station here at 3:30 this morning while John Truby, the station agent, was loading the baggage on the train.

The money was being shipped by Adams express to Philadelphia. Railroad detectives are of the opinion that the robbery was the work of one man who knew the money was in the depot and just where it was located. One of the robbers was captured during the fight with the citizens, when his horse was shot from under him. He was seriously wounded and his identity is not yet learned.

The name of the citizen wounded is W. C. Gibson, who suffered a broken leg when the yeoman fired. The robbers used dynamite.

